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Starting this week in the ASK_UFO echo, with permission of the publishers of UFO Magazine I am beginning a series of uploads of articles and book reviews of previous issues of UFO Magazine. These articles range the gamut from mutilations to overflights of nuclear power plants to abduction research. The book reviews touch on everything new coming into the field. Be sure to check the ASK_UFO echo and catch everything that you have been missing.

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CONFRONTATIONS
A Scientist's Search for
Alien Contact

New York: Ballantine Books, 1990..
252 pp. $19.95

Almost a legendary figure, Jacques Vallee has done it once more in the UFO field. Confrontations is, as Vallee said it on the cover, "A scientist's search for alien contact. "

Known for his previous best selling works such as Anatomy of a Phenomenon, Passport to Magonia and Dimensions, Vallee has written a book that will not be well received by the "space-brother " faction in UFOlogy. On the other hand, he is an equal opportunity author; the nuts-and-bolts crowd will not like it either.

With Confrontations, Vallee continues to be controversial in the mainstream UFO Field. In past best selling works such as Messengers of Deception and Passport to Magonia, Vallee stirred the field with his unorthodox approach, and the conclusions he alluded to if not made outright. Having researched in previous works the folklore of past generations, and delivering the more contemporary warnings of cult manipulations and intelligence infiltration into the UFO field, Vallee now explores the UFO riddle via painful and sometimes lethal encounters.

This book is not to be confused with the wide-eyed wonder of Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind, " in which a Vallee-like character was portrayed by French actor Francois Truffaut. On the other hand, this is also not quite a "War of the Worlds" scenario that would fit into so many purveyors of misinformation. It falls into the middle, and while not saying that all UFOs are bad, it does say that witnesses should be damned careful!

Vallee manages to take the reader on a journey to never-never land, in Central and South America. It is a journey worth experiencing in print, as most of us will never make it there in fact, and after assimilating what Vallee offers, I dare say that we would not want to. Vallee's UFOs are not the comforting symbols of the Billy Meier crowd, and they also fail the test of the Leo Sprinkle or Budd Hopkins variety. Here is a brief sample:

"In most cases the witnesses reported rectangular objects (sometimes compared to ice boxes) flying over the treetops and shining a beam toward the earth. The chupas (UFOs) are said to make a humming sound like a refrigerator or a transformer, and this sound does not change when the object accelerates. The object does not seem large enough to contain a human pilot. It has a light on the bottom and a light at one end, giving a sealed beam like a car

headlight.
   "The victims were Abel Boro, who died on October 17, 1981, while hunting with Ribamar Ferreira; Raimundo Souza, who died on October 19, 1981, while hunting with Anastacio Barbosa; Jose Vitorio and Dionizio General, who died on an undetermined date, the latter three days after the UFO encounter; and a man named Ramon, who lived in Parnarama.
  "Muldoon and Richman quoted the mayor of Parnarama as confirming the cases, and the chief of police, Geraldo dos Santos Magela, as stating that he had examined two of the bodies, finding that the blood had been sucked from them."

  Not the kind of information that either the "New Age" crowd or the "Nuts and Bolts " bunch may want to hear, but this book should be on the must read list of any serious UFO researcher or devotee. However, there still are a couple of "caveat emptors." I totally disagree with Vallee on his conclusion with reference to the abduction question, as many undoubtedly will. The evidence is overwhelming that this mystery has affected possibly thousands of individuals, in a manner that far exceeds any possible psychosis. Vallee does not acknowledge the overwhelming physical evidence or the wide range of various "victims " which encompasses all different social, economic, and ethnic groupings. The enigma is real, Jacques, and the clock may be ticking. Another area dismissed is the idea that what we MAY be dealing with is an extraterrestrial phenomenon. Even with all the information developed in connection with the alleged Roswell case and the testimony from over a hundred witnesses, not one word is mentioned by Vallee. The evidence from this case is persuasive that POSSIBLY hardware from off world visited here in 1947. Could it be that this information makes the author very uncomfortable, since his stand is very anti-ET? Neither this magazine nor this writer is stating that the hypothesis of ET coming for a visit is the only explanation. There are many theories of what may be occurring. But Vallee may miss the boat if he closes his mind to this possibility. One thing to remember about this work is the extensive travels and research the author carried out. Vallee's research skills and scholarship have been sorely missed in the ufological community; I for one am glad to see him back in the active research arena. I think that this account will end up as a yardstick to judge future efforts. Confrontations is a book that will open your eyes to what a truly mysterious world the UFO inhabits, no matter where you stand.
                        -Don Ecker-

PS Vallee replied to the above, his reply follows.

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In our last issue, writer Don Ecker reviewed the new book by scientist and UFO researcher Jacques Vallee, Confrontations. Vallee took exception to some facets of the review. Because of its length, we are running his response as a Forum article.

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THE REALITY OF ABDUCTION

by Jacques Vallee

The review of Confrontations (Vol. 5, No. 3) calls for a response and a few comments.

On the topic of abductions, Don states that "the evidence is overwhelming that this mystery has affected possibly thousands of individuals in a manner that far exceeds any possible psychosis." I totally agree with that statement. Where did I ever say that abductees were victims of psychosis?

On the contrary, Confrontations gives several examples of abduction cases that I have personally researched: the episode with Mrs. Victor in Chapter 6 fits a classic pattern, I have said that, in such reports, "I cannot agree with Philip Klass'conclusion that the witness is making up the whole episode. The abduction experience is real." Why is there such confusion, then, about my position on this issue? Simply because I do not believe that everything retrieved under hypnosis should be taken at face value.

I have stated (and will continue to state) that much of what passes for abduction research today is unscientific, unethical garbage that reeks of standard cult recruitment techniques. My appeals to more caution have infuriated some abduction researchers, who have made up the story that "Vallee rejects all abduction

cases." Nothing could be further from the truth. Not only do I accept these cases, but I believe their evidence is much too important to be treated in the superficial way evidenced in the work of many "abductionists." I refer the reader to the ten-page discussion of the issue in Confrontations, starting on page 170. On the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs, my position is clear, too. If the witnesses are telling the truth about the behavior of the phenomenon, then it could be from anywhere at anytime. This naturally includes other planets in outer space, and I have not rejected this hypothesis; I only think it is insufficient. And there are many other, possibly more promising hypotheses that have not been seriously considered.

How could I "close my mind" to the possibility of extraterrestrial intervention? It is an hypothesis I defended vigorously 25 years ago. But we cannot be dogmatic in front of the data that has been accumulating during that period, much of which now contradicts the first level ETH (extraterrestrial hypothesis) to which most of American ufology is still clinging. It is time to open our minds to other possibilities.

Don rightly notices that I have not treated the issue of "saucer crashes," notably Roswell, in Confrontations. This may seem to be an important omission, but it was the result of a conscious decision, which was clearly disclosed at the very beginning. In the introduction, I took pains to state that I regarded three important topics to lie outside the scope of the book. They were the possible relevance of cult movements to the UFO phenomenon, cattle mutilations and government intervention and "cover-up." There is much to say, as everyone knows, about all three subjects, but a scientist learns to focus on a single issue at a time. The central theme in Confrontations was field research methodology and physical evidence. I may develop the other topics in a future work, and the Roswell crash (and other crashes) will then be treated under the rubric of "Government intervention and cover-up " where it rightly belongs.

In the meantime I did describe in great detail the analysis of physical samples reported to have come from UFOs, several of which I have in my possession and can supply to colleagues who would like to analyze them. I cannot make the same statement about the Roswell material, and I do not know anyone who can. It would have been inappropriate to mention Roswell in a book on the analysis of UFO evidence, no matter how many people have become fascinated with this particular story, because there is no Roswell material available to be analyzed. Again it is a case of individual readers projecting their own expectations into a very complicated topic, and expressing their frustration when conclusions are presented which differ from their own. There is very little I can do, as a scientist, to alleviate this problem. But I am grateful to Don Ecker for having set the framework for a useful and timely debate.

-Jacques Vallee-

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The `Harvest' Continues
ANIMAL MUTILATION UPDATE

by Linda Moulton Howe

In 1989, there were so many cattle mutilations in southern Idaho that Bear Lake County Sheriff Brent Bunn told me, "We haven't seen anything like this since the 1970s." Sheriff Bunn sent me 16 neatly-typed "Investigation Reports" about cattle mutilations that had taken place in his county between May and December. Over half occurred in a remote valley called Nounan. Only eighty people live there. Ranching is their main income source, and cattle are precious. Disease and predators are old and well-understood enemies.

What descended on Nounan, Idaho in the summer and fall of 1989 was not understood-and it scared people. Bloodless and precise cuts-that's what bothers people. Officer Gregg Athay wrote in his mutilation report, "There were no visible signs of the cause of death. It appeared that only the soft tissues (nose, lips and tongue) were gone off the head and four nipples off the bag. Again there was no blood on the hair and ground."

No veterinarian report was made on that cow. But a month earlier, Dr. Charles Merrell at the Bear Lake Animal Hospital examined a dead Hereford cow. Dr. Merrell wrote after his examination: "Some time between approximately 8 p.m. (August 31, 1989) and 7 a.m. 1 September, the anus, vagina to include uterus and ovaries and all four teats (one teat deeply incised, the others shallow cuts) were removed by knife cuts around these tissues. There were no signs of injury and no blood to be found on the ground. " A neighbor, Bernice Laughter, said she saw lights in that area about 2 a.m. on September 1.

Disks reported

Throughout the history of animal mutilations, since 1967, there have been numerous eyewitness accounts of large, glowing disks or "silent helicopters " over pastures where dead animals are later found. One Waco, Texas rancher said he encountered two four-foot tall, light green-colored "creatures " with large, black, slanted eyes, carrying a calf which was later found dead and mutilated. In 1983, a Missouri couple watched through binoculars as two small beings in tight-fitting silver suits worked on a cow in a nearby pasture. The alien heads were large and white in color. Nearby, a tall, green-skinned "lizard man" stood glaring with eyes slit by vertical pupils like a crocodiles's. Several hypnosis sessions with various UFO abductees have produced information suggesting that the alien intruders are using the tissues and blood fluids for genetic experimentation and sustenance.

One Missouri woman, who has experienced repeated encounters with small grey beings that have large, black eyes, sid the creatures told her, "We use substances from cows in an essential biochemical process for our survival." In the 1989 continuing harvest, over half of the Idaho mutilations were young calves. One mutilated calf, found December 24, north of Downey, Idaho, was found lying on its back with the navel, rectum and genitals neatly cut out of the steer's white belly. No blood was found anywhere. (See photo, p. 18.) This steer calf was taken for an autopsy to Dr. Chris Oats, D.V.M., at the Hawthorne Animal Hospital. Dr. Oats checked all the vital organs and was unable to determine the cause of death. During the autopsy, a sharp cut was found in the right chest area, and Dr. Oats discovered that a main artery had been severed under the chest wound.

She was surprised that "the steer had lost a large amount of blood, but [she] could not understand where it went to. " There was no blood on the steer or on the ground. Dr. Oats also determined that the steer had not been dragged by the neck or tied up around the feet.

Residents of southern Idaho weren't alone in their fear and confusion about the mutilations. William Veenhuizen woke up on July 17,
1989 to find his finest cow mutilated about 100 yards from his farmhouse in Maple Valley, Washington, southeast of Seattle. The

six-year-old female was due to calve in about three weeks. But mutilators had cut away a smooth oval section of the cow's mouth, removed a section of jaw with teeth, excised the tongue and cut out the entire udder, vagina and rectal area. The calf was still inside the belly.

Something woke Mr. Veenhuizen up around I a.m. that day, he remembers. He even put his shoes on and went outside, but he couldn't see or hear anything out of the ordinary. He was so upset after the mutilation, he started keeping the rest of his animals inside the barn. "A neighbor said to me that coyotes did it," he said, "but I said the coyotes don't have that sharp a knife."

Other farms hit

Bill Veenhuizen wasn't the only farmer in Maple Valley, Washington having mutilation problems. On Sunday, November 11, two female sheep were found with their sexual organs removed. The Hicks-Raburn King County Police found small holes on the carcasses that they concluded might be BB gun pellet wounds, but no pellets were found.

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Mystery technology

Another major question: Had the blood been drained from all those animals without cutting them? If alien life forms are responsible, and blood is a fluid they need for sustenance, do the aliens have a technology which can transfer molecules of blood from within a living system and leave mysteriously dead animals behind having no cuts at all: The same question might apply to the hundreds of wild horses which were found dead in Nevada in 1989.

In November, 1989, in Red Cloud, Nebraska, rancher Ron Bartels found a large, 1,000 lb. Chianina cow dead and mutilated. The Franklin County Sheriff Department investigated, and veterinarian Carl Guthrie, D.V.M., was asked to do a necropsy. In his report, he stated that a four-inch straight incision had been made over the cervical trachea. Beyond that cut inside the animal, over eight inches of trachea and esophagus had been surgically removed- "The skin over the abdomen was removed in a clear, demarcated line-no musculature disturbed," he noted. And the rectum and vagina were cored out.

Predators discounted

Dr. Guthrie concluded: "There were definite signs of suspicious acts to the body of this cow-the nature in which the skin was severed and removed was not characteristic of a predator strike."

In addition to those cuts described by Dr. Guthrie, the neat circular patch of skin removed around the cow's eye, along with the eyeball, has been one of the hallmarks of animal mutilations since the 1970s. Rancher Ron Bartels told me, ". . . after several days, there had been no predation, and with the number of coyotes we now have in this area, they completely strip a carcass very quickly." But nothing touched the strangely cut cow. How are the cuts made: In my book An Alien Harvest, published in 1989, I show for the first time that tissue gathered from mutilator cuts in Arkansas on March 11, 1989, revealed the following characteristics under microscopic examination:

1) The line is pinpoint thin;
2) The line was subjected to high heat, probably 300 degrees Fahrenheit or above, leaving a hard and darkened edge;
3) The cuts were made rapidly, probably in two minutes or less, because there is no inflammatory cell destruction which typically begins in a few minutes after any trauma to tissue
(See contrasting photomicrographs).

In addition to the 1989 mutilation reports in Idaho, Washington, Nebraska and Arkansas, there have been other cases in Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri and Florida. Further, over 800 wild horses in Nevada have died mysteriously, about 70 domestic cats have been Found dead and bloodlessly mutilated in Tustin, California and 30 more cats in the East Bay of San Francisco. A city employee in Setauket, Long Island, NY, has reported to me that about a dozen

raccoons, opossums, dogs and cats have been found in Percy Rayner bloodlessly mutilated with cuts similar to cows. I have also received calls about mutilations in Canada, but have no firm photographs or reports.

  After An Alien Harvest was released in June of 1989, I received a letter from a security guard in Denver, Colorado. He described a night in August when he was patrolling the grounds of a large corporation west of the city. From his truck, he could see a large circle of lights in the dark sky. The lights remained stationary over a pasture a few hundred feet from the security guard. He was afraid to report the unidentified flying objects, because UFOs meant ridicule and he didn't want to lose his job. But he felt guilty about not reporting it, because the next morning he watched a farmer gather up a couple of dead and mutilated cows from the pasture where the lights had hovered overhead. He asked me, "What kind of technology are we talking about? I never took my eyes off those lights. There was no beam, no sound, nothing. How did they do it?"

  That's a question which has haunted ranchers and law enforcement since the first worldwide reported mutilation of a horse in 1967. Not only how-but why? If alien life forms are intruding on this planet and harvesting from animals and humans, is a program of genetic experimentation and sustenance the answer? Or only part of a larger alien need? Will the 1990s finally bring humans face to face with an alien intelligence that has secretly used earth life for eons? As we become more conscious of its presence, will we learn that the alien intent is simply to survive without human help? Or is there some larger and more complex alien scheme which could challenge the future of human existence?

-Linda Moulton Howe-

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RE OUR HUMANOID 'VISITORS'

Contrary to Steven Nelson's assertion that our alien 'visitors' shouldn't be humanoids, I suspect that one of the reasons they're so interested in us is precisely BECAUSE they resemble us so closely. Indeed, I suspect that they evolved--perhaps a few thousand Earth-years earlier than Homo sapiens sapiens--on a planet of about the same mass and geologic composition as the Earth, one that orbits at approximately the same distance from a Sun-like yellow dwarf. Parallel evolution, cultural as well as biological, is fairly common on this planet. Examples can be seen in the cultural similarities among all ancient riverine civilizations, from Nazca to Sumer, and the fact that Northwest Europeans and the Ainu of Northern Japan share a great many physical traits in common, despite the low probability of significant genetic interchange among them in pre-modern times. In both instances, the similarities are due to common adaptation to common environments.

To be sure, the ancient Peruvians were by no means culturally identical to the ancient Iraqis, nor could an Ainu pass as an Englishman. The same seems to hold for the most commonly reported variety of 'visitors.' They're typically described as shorter and stockier than most adult human beings, with neotonic features and grey, wrinkled skins; they are also sometimes said to wear a breathing apparatus of some sort (although they don't seem to need it at all times). All of this would seem to imply a slightly more massive home planet with a somewhat denser atmosphere--our sea level may be equivalent to La Paz, Bolivia, as far as they're concerned--with less intense UV from their primary (ergo less need for protective melanin or its equivalent), to say nothing of a technology at least as far ahead of ours as Cortes' was vis-a-vis that of the Aztecs in 1519.

Perhaps they see in both our cultures and our biology a reflection of their own distant past--which might go far in explaining the grand, longitudinal ethnography they seem to have been conducting among Homo sapiens sapiens for lo these many millennia.

In sum, speaking as an anthropologist, I really don't think that the reported physical similarities between ourselves and the creatures who pilot UFOs are a major problem when it comes to assessing the reality of the phenomenon. The apparent absence of 'hard evidence' is another matter, though maybe someday the governments (our own and others) will decide that we are in fact mature enough to handle the truth without suffering a complete cultural break-down. . . .

Cheers,

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P.S. Another widespread assumption also needs to be challenged: There is no reason to assume that individual 'greys' are inherently (i.e., genetically) brighter than individual human beings. Remember, Cortes wasn't necessarily Montezuma's intellectual superior, merely the product of a culture that had evolved a vastly more complex technology--thanks to the domestication several thousand years earlier of LARGE domestic animals (the ox, the horse, etc.) whose energy could be harnessed to pull plows, etc. If similar beasts (e.g.,

a more docile sub-species of the North American bison) had roamed the Valley of Mexico at the time the first experiments in maize agriculture began, Columbus might have passed his Aztec counterpart in mid-Atlantic! Perhaps we shall someday come to realize that the principal reason we're not abducting 'them' and subjecting "them" to elaborate physical examinations, etc., is that we, like the ancient Mexicans, lack a crucial environmental resource and/or have failed to make a major discovery of some sort (cf. the fact that the wheel never played an important part in ancient New World technology).

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Yes I typed it right out of the book. I kept typos in if I felt it was not my business to change it. For instance, if 'the' was spelt 'teh', I changed it. Meanwhile, they identify a person as Senator John Hansen in one instance and George Hansen in another.
I didn't change that. All capitalized (highlighted) sentences/words are of the author.

I checked as best I could, but I didn't read my version and their version side-by-side. Is there a specific question?

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